

Parents of daughter with disability fighting eviction by GRCA

By: Harry Rudolfs

The Grand River Conservation Authority has begun the process of evicting long-standing tenants Mary-Timothy and Gordon Hare from their rural home in Guelph-Eramosa Twp. The couple have leased the property since 1994, and have an adopted 16 year old daughter with a rare neurological disability. The Hares see the action as discrimination

under the Human Rights Code and are planning to fight the notice to vacate.

The GRCA bought up many rural properties during the 1940s to 1970s for flood control and recreational purposes. Those properties with existing dwellings were leased to tenants to mitigate expenses. They acquired the Hare's "Currie House" in 1966. Currently the GRCA has 22 such residences.

In 2016, the Author-

ity reviewed its tenant program and decided to wind it down in four stages over several years. Because of its age and condition, the GRCA staff identified the Hare's home as a Stage Two home which means it is among the next buildings slated to be demolished.

Mary-Timothy said moving is not an option because of her special needs child. Tabitha is the only person in Canada with a rare disorder

called Bilateral Perisylvian Fissure Syndrome with Pachygyria. Mary-Timothy explained it took years to get the medical supports and educational accommodations in place and a forced relocation would be devastating.

But the GRCA wants to eliminate their rural leased properties. A 2016 report cites the practice as "a poor business model." According to Lisa Stocco, manager of communications for the GRCA, "The

Currie house operated at an annual average loss of \$3,700 between 2008 and 2014, and because it required significant upgrades (according to staff) it represents both a current and future financial liability."

The Hares dispute the assertion that the property is a liability and in need of upgrades. But they also thought they had many years before the program was terminated. "All we're asking is three

and a half more years so Tabitha can finish her schooling, and by then she'll be classified as an adult and able to access some other programs."

As it stands right now, the Hares have been asked to leave the property by December 31. But the Human Rights Legal Support Centre (HRLSC) in Toronto has taken an interest in this case and may be able to offer some relief to the Hares.

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

The Pay As You Go fitness classes start up again the week of Sep-

tember 18. They are as follows: Mondays at 9 a.m. is Bone Builder.

This is a group resistance training class focusing on exercises to strengthen the spine and hips for those with osteoporosis or at risk of developing the disease. Zumba Gold is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. New to Zumba? This is a great Zumba workout designed for the beginner. New this year is Walk Fit on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Lace up your sneakers and join the fitness instructor as you walk

inside the arena complex.

There are also Life-mark Wellness and Falls Prevention classes on Monday and Friday afternoons. Lots of ways to keep fit, improve your balance, endurance and quality of life.

During the month of September you can use a Try-it pass to try any of the instructed classes or programs offered at the Centre. See staff in the office for your pass. You can try as many activities as you wish, but each activity only once. If you are considering joining the Centre, this is a great opportunity to try out some of the activities that might interest you. A membership in Hillsview-Acton entitles you to also enjoy the activities at the Georgetown Centre.

Our semi-annual fun golf game is coming up fast. There is still room

for you to join us. You don't have to be a member of the Centre. We will play nine holes on the academy course at Blue Springs, and then enjoy a delicious lunch. Those who have the energy can then play another nine holes if they wish. It's always a great day.

The final day you can purchase tickets for the social dinner on September 14 is Tuesday, September 12.

Series number two of the Music Appreciation Concert with Dale Wood will be on Wednesday, September 13. It will feature Contemporary Jazz and Blues. If you enjoy music, sign up and pay to secure your spot for the concert.

Please note the Saturday evening Bingo originally scheduled on September 16 has been changed to September 30 at 7 p.m. Come and

enjoy the fun, meet new people, and you might even be one of the lucky winners.

Pat Urwin left a note to inform me that starting on Friday, September 8, the Friday morning hiking group will meet in the car park every Friday morning at 10 a.m.

Frances Hogenbirk had the only mooner on August 31 while playing Bid Euchre.

Maureen Harvey was very pleased to hear she had won the monthly birthday pedicure draw complements of Dorri Bland with the Downtown Spa.

Lunch on Friday, September 15 is soup and sandwiches plus dessert, followed by Bingo at 1:15 p.m.

There was no winner for the 50/50 draw. The amount to be won next Friday should be around \$130.

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